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LB 730

SENATOR JONES: Thank you, President, member of the body. I am going to stand up and support this amendment because I think it's something that we really need in this state. Because if you just hear the number of acres that's going out of production and going under blacktop and cement, I don't know how many of you turned...happened to hear Paul Harvey over the weekend, but he commented about that and what was happening in Illinois. They said this one farmer was trying to hang on next to an urban area and they build homes all the way around him, and then they used his field to go back and forth with four-wheelers and everything, and they blamed him for still being there. So we got...we got to think about that in this state. It's the number one priority in this state, and agriculture is supposed to be number one in this state. So I really thank Senator Wehrbein for bringing this and hope that we can get a study on it that we can figure out what we can do next because a lot of our generation is getting to be the second and third generation removed from agriculture and they really don't realize where even milk or anything else is coming from anymore. And so hopefully that we can get the study done on it and get some answers that we could help in the future to help agriculture in the future, keep it the number one priority in this state. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Wehrbein, to close on AM1515 to 730.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Just slightly more than a technical amendment for those of you that might not hear, simply houses it under the Department of Ag. It makes it clear the administration, what little there's going to be, comes out of the Department of Ag...under the Department of Agriculture.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. The question before the body is, shall AM1515 be adopted to LB 730? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted that care to? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Wehrbein's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment is adopted.